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Hormone Receptor (MCH1) And Uses Thereof

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued August 8, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 8, 2002 Office Action was due September 8, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the August 8, 2002 Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$460.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the August 8, 2002 Office Action is due December 8, 2002. Moreover, since December 8, 2002 falls on a Sunday, a response filed Monday, December 9, 2002 is to be considered timely filed. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 32-34, 41, 43, 47, 83, 96, and 97

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